

## **Crate Race Rules and Regulations:**

Below are the rules and regulations participants must follow to take part in the Camden Windjammer Festival Crate Race. If the participant is a minor, the parent(s) or legal guardian is responsible for making sure their child(ren) are/is following the rules.

### **Regulations:**

The number of participants is limited to 40. All completed applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. If a confirmed participant is unable to participate, or is not present when their name is announced (after three attempts) then another name may be pulled to fill the spot, time permitting.

Each participant will be announced over the PA system and will need to report to the designated dock to prepare for the race. We ask that all participants be remain within earshot of the PA system and close to the event area so they both hear their name and can quickly approach the start line. If the participant's name is called three times and they do not show up, then their space will be forfeited and will have to wait until next year to participate.

Parents/Guardians are allowed to be on the docks only when their child(ren) are called to participate.

The event does occur in the water so the crates will shift side to side. Participants can request that a crate or crates be repositioned during the race only if it is deemed to be unsafe for them to travel (e.g. a crate has shifted on its side or has a severe crack in the wood). Participants must ask the judge(s) that they need a crate repositioned and the judge(s) will confirm their request to make sure it is valid. Should the judge(s) requests that a crate be fixed or repositioned, the race is stopped until fixed. If it is determined by the judge(s) that the participant is using this regulation to better their chances of advancing/winning, they may forfeit their position in the race.

To make sure that the event is fair and safe for all participants; all judge's decisions are final.

### **Rules:**

1. All participants must present a completed Release and Waiver form on the day of the Crate Race in order to participate in the race. Uncompleted forms will not be accepted.
2. All Participants are required to wear, on their feet, one of the following only. No other footwear or foot covering, or bare feet, will be acceptable (NB: no crocs, flip-flop sandals, open heel shoes without adequate straps to hold them on and support the wearer, or bare feet):
  - a. Shoes
  - b. Strapped Sandals (e.g. Tevas with straps)
  - c. Socks
3. All Participants under the age of 5 (five) and those older than 5 (five) who are not strong swimmers, are required to wear a life vest or PFD. The wearing of PFDS or life vests is also recommended for all participants, regardless of swimming ability. If the participant cannot supply their own life vest or PFD, then a life vest will be provided if available. If a participant meets the above criteria but refuses a life vest or PFD they will be disqualified.
4. Swimming clothes are recommended but are not required. "YOU WILL GET WET"
5. For safety reasons, do not distract any of the volunteers and/or judge(s) of the event while the event is taking place.
6. HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!!